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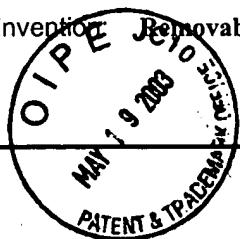
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Invention Removable Receptacle for Use on an Offshore Structure

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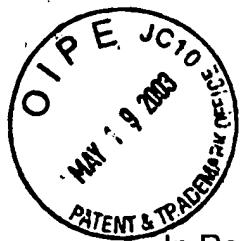
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Application No.: 09/960,083

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For: Removable Receptacle for Use  
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Examiner: John J. Kreck

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 29 October 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 8 and 15-21 without prejudice to Applicant.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

Please add new Claims 26-29.

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Clean Version of Claims:

1. (Amended) A receptacle assembly supported on a surface or near surface offshore oilfield production structure for receiving therein and permanently supporting an elongate member extending downward to one of the seabed or another structure, the elongate member having a supported surface affixed thereto, the receptacle assembly comprising: